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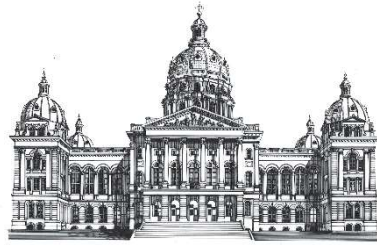
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May 15, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U. S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of LeClaire “The US 67 Corridor Connectivity Improvements and Mississippi Riverfront Revitalization Project” – BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

As the Iowa State Senator that represents the City of LeClaire, Iowa, I am writing in support of the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant application for the City of LeClaire US 67 Corridor Connectivity Improvements and Mississippi Riverfront Revitalization Project.

I have lived just north of LeClaire for over 19 years, and I have seen vast improvement and change in LeClaire over those many years. Many people move to LeClaire for the quality of life that the city provides and it is through strategic leadership and planning that has made that happen.

To continue that success, the City of LeClaire has sought community input to create a comprehensive, sustainable downtown community that better integrates economic prosperity, social vibrancy, and transportation safety. The City of LeClaire is located on one of the most famous rivers in the world, “The Mighty Mississippi” and now has the opportunity to enhance the downtown/riverfront area to be the “Front Door” to the city, improving the interconnectivity of multiple areas and services: connecting residential neighborhoods to schools and City Hall and the downtown, linking the downtown commercial district to the riverfront, and opening up the riverfront to enhanced river boat and river cruise line use along the Mississippi River.

I fully endorse their BUILD grant application and respectfully request that you give the City of LeClaire downtown/riverfront revitalization project your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chris Cournoyer

Iowa State Senator, District 49